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In re Patent Application of: James M. Bell

Title: TILE LAYOUT SYSTEM, METHOD AND PRODUCT

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1.  The Specification of the above-referenced Application is enclosed herewith which includes:  
37 Pages including Claim(s) and Abstract.
2.  21 Sheet(s) of Drawings are enclosed herewith.
3.  An oath or declaration is enclosed herewith that is:  
XX Newly executed per 37 CFR §1.63(a) and (b)  
 A copy of the executed declaration filed in the prior application upon which priority is based, showing the signature(s) or an indication thereon that it was signed.  
 This Application is being filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application and it is requested that the following name or names be deleted from the list of inventors in the prior application for this continuation or divisional Application:  

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4.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to the calculation of filing fees or the examination of the above-referenced Application.

5.  The fees for this Application have been calculated and included as shown below (Prior to calculating any fees, please enter any Preliminary Amendment enclosed herewith):

FEES	CALCULATION	SUBTOTAL
Basic Filing Fee	\$750.00	\$750.00
Indep. Claims	4 - 3 = 1 X \$84 = 84.00	84.00
Total Claims	23 - 20 = 3 X \$18 = 54.00	54.00
Multiple Depend.	\$280.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$888.00</b>

A check in the about of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed herewith. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.  
 Please charge our Deposit Account No. 04-0500 for the fees associated with the submission of this Application.

6.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment, or to credit any overpayment, of the following fees associated with this filing or during the pendency of the Application to our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Any patent application filing fees under 37 CFR §1.16; and  
 Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17; and  
 The issue fee under 37 CFR §1.18 upon the mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.311(b).

7.  This Application is a

Continuation, or  
 Divisional, or  
 Continuation-In- Part

of prior copending parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_. In the event that a petition to extend time under 37 CFR §1.136 is necessary in the parent application to maintain copendency for this Application, a petition for an extension of the time necessary to maintain copendency is hereby requested for the parent application, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debt our Deposit Account No. 04-0500 for the necessary fees.

8.  Please amend the application to reflect the priority claimed to prior applications by inserting the following line in the beginning of the Specification:

--This application [Must list all priority U.S. applications, special type, and status] .—  
Language Examples:

[claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_]

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[which was the National Stage of International Application No. \_\_\_\_ (The published application being/not being in the English language) and]

[which is now pending, or abandoned, or Patent No. \_\_\_\_]

9.  Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC §119 & 172 to the following foreign applications:

Country	Serial No.	Date

The requirement for a certified copy of each application was filed in the prior application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and such status remains unchanged and is requested for this application.

A certified copy of each application is enclosed herewith.

10.  An information Disclosure Statement with Modified PTO Form(s) 1449 and a copy of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

11.  An Assignment of the invention to Milliken & Company with cover sheet and recordation fee is enclosed herewith for recordation by the Assignment Branch.

12.  The power of attorney for this application:

is appointed in the newly executed Oath or Declaration submitted herewith.

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13.  The correspondence address for this application shall be:

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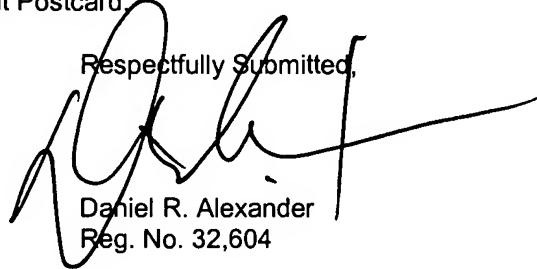
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14.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

15.  Acknowledgement Postcard

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